OFFICIAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

of the

TAKOTNA VILLAGE COUNCIL

Ratified and Adopted

PREAMBLE

We, the native people of Takotna, in order to secure for ourselves and our descendants recognition and establishment as an aboriginal people rightfully claiming what is ours under the laws of the U.S., Alaska, and the Upper Kuskokwim Native Association; to enlighten the people of our area for a better understanding of the natives and their affairs; to act as a voice for the native people and to act as an organization to conduct the affairs of Native Land Claims and Native Affairs in our area, do establish this organization and adopt the following Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE I

NAME, OFFICE, AND OBJECTS

NAME

Section 1. This organization shall be known as Takotna Village Council.

LOCATION OF THE ORGANIZATION

Section 2. The office of this organization with its officers shall be located at Takotna, Alaska.

OBJECTS

Section 3. The objects of this organization are as follows;

A. To promote pride on the part of the Natives of Takotna in their heritage and traditions;

B. To preserve the customs, folklore and art of the native races;

C. To promote the physical, economic and social well-being of the Natives of Takotna;

D. To discourage and overcome racial prejudice and the inequities which such prejudices creates;

E. To promote good government, by reminding those who govern and those who are governed of their mutual responsibilities;

F. To act as the voice of the villages within our land claim area;

G. To allocate Federal, State, and local Funding for village projects.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active membership of the Takotna Council shall consist of of the following;

All persons of Eskimo, Indian, or Aleut blood extraction, duly enrolled in the tribal rolls of the Village of Takotna and surrounding land claim area, or until such tribal roll is established, enrolled provisionally on the temporary tribal rolls of the area-wide association. Standards for such temporary enrollment shall be determined by the Takotna Village Council.

Section 2. The village chiefs by majority vote may provide for non-voting Native or Non-Native associate or honorary membership and may accept a native transferee from any other Alaska Federation of Natives association on a temporary or permanent basis by unanimous vote of a quorum.

Section 3. All members duly enrolled and in transit will be recognized by Takotna Village Council.

ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE

Section 4. To be eligible for election to any office in the Takotna Village Council, a rember must be a minimum age of 19 years, an active enrolled member in good standing and must have been a legal resident in the State of Alaska for two (2) consecutive years.

ARTICLE III

MEETING AND REPRESENTATION

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Section 1. The members present at the general meeting shall be the supreme governing authority of the Association and shall have the power to regulate and direct the policies, affairs, and organization of the Association.

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION

Section 2. Each native whose annual dues are paid and is officially enrolled in the trible Roles of the Takotna Village Council will be the only one eligible to vote. Proxy votes will be allowed. An absent member of the Takotna Village Council General Meeting may give his proxy only to another native of the upper Kuskokwim Native Association.

COMMITTEES

Section 3. The standing committees of the Takotna Village Council will be established, as seen needed by the Officers of the Takotna Village Council.

QUORUM

Section 4. A quorum shall consist of a majority of members present in person or by proxy at any general meeting.

DATE OF GENERAL MEETING

Section 5. The date of each monthly meeting will be designated by the Takotna Village Council Chief and posted two (2) days prior to each meeting.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. (A) The officers of the Takotna Village Council shall consist of a 1st Chief, 2nd Chief, 3rd Chief, a Secretary-tresurer, and a Medicine Man or Woman. The 1st Chief, 2nd Chief, 3rd Chief, Secretary-tresurer, and Medicine Man or Woman will be voting members of the Board of Directors.

Section 1. (B) The Board of Directors shall consist of 3 members elected by the council.

Section 1. (C) The directors shall hold office for term of two (2) years. The Directors shall hold office until their successors have been elected and have assumed office.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. All nominations and elections for officers of the council shall be made at the general meeting in January; election shall be by roll call vote. Candidates must accept the elected office or nomination in person or in writing. All officers shall be immediately installed and assume their duties.

Section 2. Officers shall hold office for a term of two (2) years.

ARTICLE V

EXPENSES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1. (A) To be a voting member of the council an annual fee of $5.00 will be paid by each member 19 years or older.

Section 1 (B) This fee will be paid by the 31st of January of the new year.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. (A) The Chief shall preside at all meetings of the Association, shall be ex-officio member of all committees, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall perform all such duties as are incidental to the office of Chief and are properly required of him.

Section 1. (B) The 2nd chief shall, in the absence of the Chief, exercise all of the functions of the Chief and shall be vested with all of his powers.

Section 1. (C) The 3rd chief shall, in the absence of the Chief and 2nd chief, exercise all of the functions of the Chief and shall be vested with all of their powers.

Section 1. (D) The Secretary-tresurer shall have charge of all papers, keep such records, make such reports and perform such duties as are incidental to that office, and properly required of him by the association,

shall have charge of all funds of the council, shall conduct all banking business and audit all accounts. All checks shall be signed by either the Chief or the Secretary-treasurer and shall be countersigned by an additional officer. The Secretary-treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum as may be determined by the Board of Directors. The Secretary-tresurer shall make a written annual financial report, to be presented on the general meeting of the month of January

Section 1. (E) Medicine Man or Woman shall act as Sergeant-of-Arms, shall keep harmony, good fellowship, life and enthusiasm in the meetings. He shall fine members at meetings and there shall be no rulling from his decision in imposing a fine. When the Medicine Man or Woman stands at the meeting all shall be quiet and give due respect for what he says.

ARTICLE VII

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - DUTIES AND POWERS

GENERAL

Section 1. Such powers, duties and authority as are not otherwise delegated to the Chief and the Secretary-tresurer of the council shall be exercised, acted upon, and determined by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to interpret and apply the Constitution and By-Laws of the Council and to decide all questions of law there under subject to appeal to the next annual meeting. The Board of Directors shall have governing authority over the Association between annual meetings.

MEETINGS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2. The Board of Directors may hold quarterly meetings at such specific tire and place as shall be determined by the Chief. At the discretion of the Chief a quarterly meeting may be held within one (1) month after the end of the quarter. Upon the written request of a majority of the Board of Directors to the Chief, it shall be the duty of the Chief to call a meeting of the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of its